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In re patent application of

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For METHOD OF SCREENING DRUG WITH THE USE OF 67kDa LAMININ
RECEPTOR AND DRUG OBTAINED THEREBY

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST
FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R., 1.117

Sir:

The application has not yet received a first office action on the merits. Prior to examination, and in view of the new US Patent Rules, please amend the application as follows, it being understood that the applicant reserves the right to pursue claims to subject matter in the canceled claims in continuation applications. In addition, the undersigned requests a refund of the excess claims fees paid in this case, and that the refund be credited to attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis, Christofferson & Cook).

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